Supply of foodgrains to blocks covered under area specific programme

733. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred question 694 given in the Rajya Sabha on 13th June, 1994 and state the quantity and value of foodgrains distributed in the blocks covered under area specific programme during the years 1992-93, 1993-94 and so far in 1994?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): The total quantity of foodgrains (Rice and Wheat) reportedly distributed to the population living in the areas covered under the Revamped Public Distribution System (RPDS) in 1992-93 (June 92 to March, 1993). 1993-94 and 1994-95 (April, 94) is 34.13 lakh tonnes 40.47 lakh tonnes and 2.32 lakh tonnes respectively. As details of the exact quantities of common, fine and super fine varieties of rice distributed in each State are not maintained, the total value of foodgrains distributed in RPDS areas State-wise cannot be quantified Rice and wheat distributed in RPDS areas are issued at specially subsidised Central Issue Price which are given below:—

Central issue prices of rice and wheat in R PDS areas

(Rs. per Quintal)

	Effective from	Common	Fine	Superfine
Rice	28-12-91	327	387	408
	11-01-93	387	447	468
	01-02-94	487	567	598
Wheat	28-12-91	230		
	11-01-93	280		
	01-02-94	352		

Deposite with Non-banking companies under Consumer Protection Act

754. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the deposits kept by people with the non-banking companies attract the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act;

(b) what is the judgement passed by the National Commission in this regard; and

(c) whether Government are considering to bring those deposits within the purview of the Consumer Protection Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) In its Order dated 26th August, 1993 in the case of Neela Vasant Raje Vs. Amogh Industries and ANR, the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission has held that inviting deposits from the public promising to pay attractive rates of interest and giving assurance of safety and security of the money so deposited, the non-banking companies and firms are rendering a service to the public and such activities of the company or firm fall within the purview of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

Stock position of CIL

755. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stock position of coal with the Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries;

(b) what is the present position of dues of CIL outstanding against each of the power generation units and the State Electricity Boards (SEBs) as on 30th June, 1994; and

(c) what steps Government have so far taken to recover the outstanding dues and also to ensure adequate and prompt supply of good quality coal to the power generation units and State Electricity Boards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) The coal stock position in various coal producing subsidiaries of Coal India Ltd. (CIL) and in North Eastern Coalfields as on 30.6.94 was as under:—

Name of the company	Stock (in MT.)
Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL)	5.24
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL)	11.88
Central Coalfields Ltd. (CCL)	9.40
Northern Coalfields Ltd. (NCL)	0.63
Western Coalfields Ltd. (WCL)	2.79
South Eastern Coalfieds Ltd. (SECL)	5.89
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (MCL)	3.93
North Eastern Coalfields (NEC)	0.85
Total (CIL):	40.61

(b) The outstanding dues from each of the State Electricity Boards (SEBs and Power Utilities to CIL as on 9th July 1994 are given in the Statement (See below).

(c) The supply of coal to power sector is given too most priority and is monitored on a daily basis, Corrective action is taken wherever necessary. Steps being taken to recover the current dues and arrears include the following:

(i) Ministry of Coal has advised coal companies to supply coal to power houses only against advance payments or letters of credits.

(ii) Ministries of Power and Coal are holding periodical discussions with defaulting